

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace all prior claims with this listing of claims:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-48 (canceled).

Claim 49 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 46 61 wherein said first channel wall has an upper edge and said first external flange extends outwardly from said upper edge of said first channel wall.

Claim 50 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 46 61 wherein said ~~channel-shaped~~ frame member has first and second ends and said first external flange includes an integral second leaf spring, said first leaf spring being located proximate said first end of said ~~channel-shaped~~ frame member and said second leaf spring being located proximate said second end of said ~~channel-shaped~~ frame member.

Claim 51 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 46 61 wherein said ~~channel-shaped~~ frame member has first and second ends, said first leaf spring being located intermediate said ends.

Claim 52 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim ~~52~~ 61 wherein said channel walls and said channel floor is are elongate and the length of said channel floor is substantially less than the length of one of said channel walls.

Claim 53-54 (cancel).

Claim 55 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim ~~46~~ 61 wherein said ~~channel-shaped frame member further includes~~ including an integral second external flange extending outwardly from at least a portion of said second channel wall in a second direction away from said single channel.

Claim 56 (cancel).

Claim 57 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 55 wherein said second external flange includes an integral first leaf spring.

Claim 58 (cancel).

Claim 59 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 55 wherein said second direction is substantially opposite said first direction.

Claim 60 (currently amended). The ~~handle~~ frame member of claim 55 wherein said second channel wall has an upper portion and said second external flange extends outwardly from said upper ~~edge~~ portion of said second channel wall.

Claim 61 (currently amended). A ~~An~~ integral frame member for a folding tool ~~comprising~~ defining a single channel and comprising a pair of opposed first and second channel walls integrally joined by a channel floor, and ~~further including~~ an integral first external flange, extending outwardly from said first channel wall in a first direction away from said single channel[[.]], said first external flange extending substantially perpendicular to said first channel wall and including an integral first leaf spring.

Claim 62-66 (canceled).

Claim 67 (previously presented). The frame member of claim 61 wherein a portion of said first external flange is flexible, said flexible portion comprising a leaf spring.

Claim 68 (cancel).

Claim 69 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said first external flange defines a plane substantially perpendicular to said first channel wall and said first leaf spring lies substantially within said plane.

Claim 70 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said frame member is elongate and said first external flange defines an elongate edge of said frame member.

Claim 71 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein a portion of said first external flange comprises said first leaf spring, said first leaf spring separated from an adjacent portion of said first channel wall by a single cut in the material from which said integral frame member is formed.

Claim 72 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said cut is located substantially in said first channel wall.

Claim 73 (new). The frame member of claim 72 wherein said cut is substantially linear.

Claim 74 (new). The frame member of claim 72 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said first external flange.

Claim 75 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said first external flange is free of additional structure which would form a second channel integral with said single channel.

Claim 76 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said frame member and said first external flange are elongate, said first external flange having an elongate edge integrally

joined to said first channel wall and an opposite elongate edge defining an elongate edge of said frame member.

Claim 77 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said first external flange is not integrally joined with a channel wall other than said first channel wall.

Claim 78 (new). A handle for a folding tool comprising:

1. an integral frame member constructed from a single sheet of material, said frame member defining a single integral channel having first and second opposed sidewalls and a channel floor integrally joining said sidewalls, said channel defining an internal tool pocket within said channel, said frame member having an integral first external flange extending outwardly from said first sidewall in a first direction away from said channel, said first external flange including an integral leaf spring; and
2. a first side scale, not integral with said frame member, arranged adjacent to said flange so as to form a first external tool pocket defined by said first sidewall, said first external flange and said first side scale.

Claim 79 (new). The handle of claim 78 including:

1. an integral second external flange extending outwardly from said second sidewall in a second direction away from said channel, said second external flange including an integral leaf spring; and

2. a second side scale, not integral with said frame member, arranged adjacent to said second external flange so as to form a second external tool pocket defined by said second sidewall, said second external flange and said second side scale.

Claim 80 (new). The handle of claim 79 wherein said internal tool pocket faces in a first direction and said first and second external tool pockets faces in a second direction substantially opposite to said first direction.

Claim 81 (new). The handle of claim 78 wherein said leaf spring is created by a single cut in the material from which the integral handle member is formed.

Claim 82 (new). The handle of claim 81 wherein said cut is located substantially in said first sidewall.

Claim 83 (new). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is substantially linear.

Claim 84 (new). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said first external flange.

Claim 85 (new). The handle of claim 79 wherein said leaf spring of said second external flange is created by a single cut in said second sidewall proximate said second external flange.

Claim 86 (new). The handle of claim 85 wherein said cut is substantially linear and substantially parallel to said second external flange.

Claim 87 (new). The handle of claim 78 including an independent spring, not integral with said frame member, arranged in said channel.

Claim 88 (new). A channel-shaped frame member for a folding tool comprising first and second opposed sidewalls integrally joined by a channel floor so as to define a single channel, an integral external flange extending outwardly from said first channel wall in a direction away from said single channel and defining a plane substantially perpendicular to said first channel wall, said flange including an integral leaf spring, said external flange not serving as a floor of a further channel which is integral with said single channel.

Claim 89 (new). An integral frame member for a folding tool in the shape of a single channel comprising first and second channel sidewalls, a channel floor integrally joining said sidewalls so as to form said single channel, and an integral external flange extending outwardly from said first channel sidewall in a direction away from said channel, said external flange including a first integral leaf spring and defining a plane that is not substantially parallel to said first sidewall, and said external flange substantially free from structure that would define an additional channel that is integral with said single channel.

Claim 90 (new). The frame member of claim 89 wherein said first leaf spring is created by a single elongate cut in said frame member.

Claim 91 (new). The frame member of claim 90 wherein said cut is located substantially in said one of said channel sidewalls.

Claim 92 (new). The frame member of claim 91 wherein said cut is substantially linear.

Claim 93 (new). The frame member of claim 91 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said external flange.

Claim 94 (new). A frame member for a folding tool comprising a single sheet of integral material from which said frame member is constructed, said frame member including first and second channel sidewalls, a channel floor integrally joining said sidewalls, and an integral external flange extending outwardly from said first channel sidewall in a direction away from said channel, said external flange including an integral first leaf spring, said external flange defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said first channel sidewall and not serving as a floor of an adjacent channel that is integral with said frame member.

Claim 95 (new). The frame member of claim 94 wherein said frame member and said external flange are elongate, said external flange defining an elongate edge of said frame member.



Claim 96 (new). The frame member of claim 94 wherein said first leaf spring is created by a single cut substantially in said one of said channel walls.

Claim 97 (new). The frame member of claim 96 wherein said cut is substantially linear.

Claim 98 (new). The frame member of claim 96 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said external flange.

Claim 99 (new). An integral frame member for a folding tool, said frame member defining a single channel and comprising first and second channel walls integrally joined by a channel floor and an integral first external flange extending outwardly from said first channel wall in a first direction away from said single channel, said first external flange including an integral first leaf spring, the portion of said first external flange that forms said first leaf spring is separated from an adjacent portion of said first channel wall by an elongate cut substantially in said first channel wall.

Claim 100 (new). The frame member of claim 99 further including an integral second external flange extending outwardly from said second channel wall in a second direction away from said channel, said second external flange including an integral second leaf spring, the portion of said second external flange that forms said second leaf spring is separated from an

adjacent portion of said second channel wall by an elongate cut substantially in said second channel wall.